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Applicant: Graham P. Allaway et al.

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For: METHODS FOR USING RESONANCE ENERGY TRANSFER-BASED ASSAY OF HIV-1 ENVELOPE GLYCOPROTEIN-MEDIATED MEMBRANE FUSION, AND KITS FOR PRACTICING SAME

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Sir:

PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for filing a request for continued examination (RCE) which applicants are submitting concurrently.

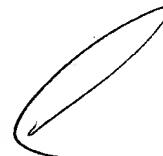
The required fee for a two-month extension of time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(2) is TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$225.00) for a small entity, and a check for this amount is enclosed.

Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on May 17, 2005 which was received by the Patent Office on May 20, 2005. Thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.192(a), an Appeal Brief was originally due on July 20, 2005. With a two-month extension of time, the due date for filing an RCE in lieu of an Appeal Brief is September 20, 2005. Accordingly, the concurrently filed RCE is timely.

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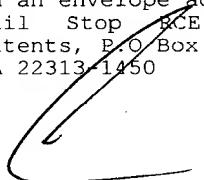
No fee, other than the enclosed \$225.00 fee for a two-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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